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In re Application of:

Yukio Watanabe et al.

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For: HARDNESS TAPER TUBE AND
PRODUCTION METHOD AND
DEVICE THEREFOR

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated July 21, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claim 1; Group II, claim 2; and Group III, claims 3-4. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group III, claims 3-4 drawn to an apparatus for making tubing.

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Respectfully submitted,

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